



9TH DISTRICT NEWS & NOTES NEWSLETTER



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IN THE NEWS AND IN THE DISTRICT...

The Council returned from summer break last week to a full agenda, including extensive discussion of how to effectively subsidize the city's streetlight program. The current method of funding the program through a property tax assessment has proven insufficient to cover costs, leaving the city with a massive backlog of an estimated 500 streetlights that need to be installed.

As one of my Council colleagues put it, "The good news is this Council is dedicated to fixing the problem rather than passing the buck down the road." Further review of available options will occur at the August 29 Council meeting.

In the district... Road resurfacing began this past week in the 9th district and will be com-



pleted over the coming weeks. Crews began milling and paving work on East Tiverton Way, Prince Albert Way, Toronto Road, and Victoria Way. Other streets slated for attention include portions of Boston, Brunswick, Copper Run, Hidden Springs, Hopemont, Marblerock, Monticello, Weber and White Pine. You may encounter delays and temporary traffic re-routing as the work continues around the district.

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently building four **new multi-use fields on West Reynolds Road at Shillito Park** for use for soccer, lacrosse, flag football and other

sports. They expect to have grass on the fields by this fall. An irrigation system and gravel parking lots are being installed and soon they will seed and straw the fields and keep them watered through the fall. The plan is to have the fields ready for play by next summer.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to review **Fayette Mall's proposal**, which includes major changes to the Sears' space and a new free-standing restaurant, at its September 12 meeting at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall at 200 East Main Street. The public is invited to attend. [For more information on the Mall's proposal, see page 2 of this newsletter.]

Construction is slated to begin on the next phase of the **Clays Mill Road Improvement Project**. The next phase from Higbee Mill Road to Twain Ridge Drive includes improvements such as wider sidewalks, bike lanes, new curbs and gutters, additional turn lanes at Man o' War, and another stone faced retaining wall. Construction will begin in September with completion projected for May/June 2014.

Public Hearing Set for Bayer Properties' Development "The Summit Lexington."

A public hearing has been set for Wednesday, September 17 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 200 East Main Street in the Council Chambers regarding the proposed "The Summit Lexington" shopping center project—a regional mixed-use and outdoor fashion center—on the undeveloped Fritz Farm property located at Nicholasville Road and Man o' War Boulevard. The public is invited to attend and express support or opposition.

Feel free to e-mail me your feedback on these or other issues at jmossotti@lexingtonky.gov or call my office at (859) 258-3215.

CALENDAR:

Aug. 27: Free Paper Shredding Day at Old Frankfort Landfill

Sept. 2: Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 7: Annual Dog Paddle

Sept. 7: UK vs. Miami (OH)

Sept. 9: Copperfield Neighborhood Association Meeting

Sept. 12: Planning Commission Meeting (includes review of Fayette Mall renovation plan)

Sept. 14: Annual Firefighter Memorial Challenge

Sept. 14: UK vs. Louisville

Sept. 17: "The Summit" Public Hearing – City Hall

View the [City Calendar](#)

To have your upcoming event noted in a future newsletter, e-mail rbolson@lexingtonky.gov

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LOCATION APPROVED FOR SENIOR CENTER

At this past Tuesday's Council meeting, Idle Hour Park was selected as the site for Lexington's new senior citizens' center. The new facility will replace the current center on Nicholasville Road in front of Commonwealth Stadium.

As many as 25 locations in all were reviewed during the selection process.

Idle Hour Park is near the intersection of New Circle and Richmond Roads, behind Southland Christian Church's new Richmond Road campus.

The Idle Hour Park location was chosen, in part, due to the 23-acre park's easy accessibility from Richmond Road and New Circle, and the fact that the city already owns the park land so there will be no property acquisition costs.

Chief Administrative Officer Sally Hamilton estimates that the new center will take about 18 months to build. Accordingly, the new facility could possibly be open in as soon as two years.

Work will now begin on several details that must be worked out, including arranging to move the park's current football field, which is presently used by a youth football program.

Parking details must also be resolved in order to assure that the new facility will have adequate parking.

I will provide further updates as they become available.

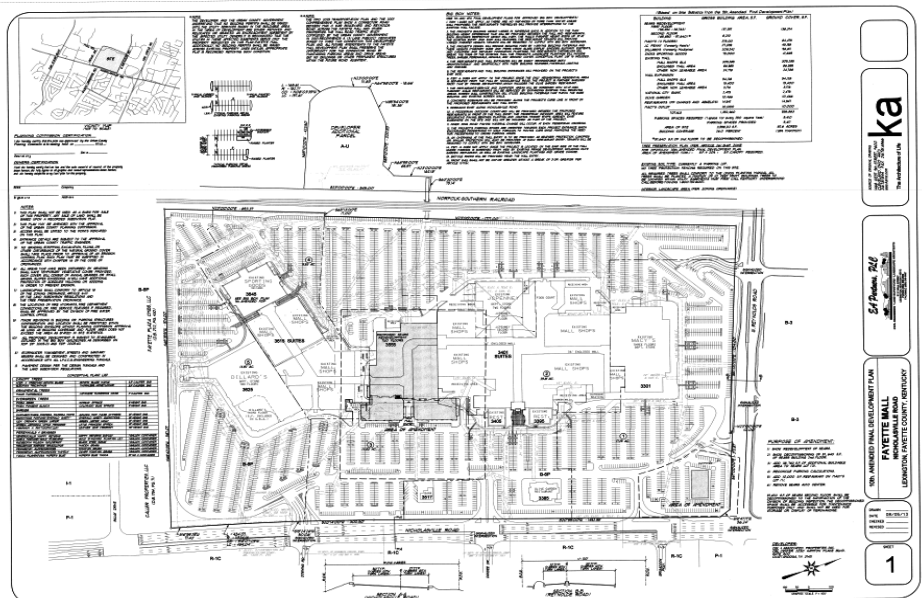


FAYETTE MALL PLANS CHANGES

Changes coming to Fayette Mall include a proposed 10,000-square-foot restaurant in the Macy's parking lot along the Nicholasville Road of the property, according to a new plan submitted to the city. The Sears store at Fayette Mall recently announced it is closing later this year.

The proposal, which was submitted by the owner of Fayette Mall, CBL & Associated Properties, Inc. out of Chattanooga, shows that the Sears store would be significantly redeveloped but the names of any new retailer stores or new restaurants have not been divulged.

An additional 38,763 square feet is to be built onto the front of the Sears store and a new entrance way would be added at the Sears store site if the plan is approved. The Mall's owners plan to remove the current Sears auto center to create more available parking.



City planning staff members are currently reviewing the proposal and the proposal appears to comply with the current zoning designated for the Mall property. Two questions under review by the city's planning staff include whether the proposal meets parking requirements under current city ordinances and whether the traffic pattern in the area is affected. All proposed development is subject to standards outlined in the city's Big Box Guidelines.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to review the Mall's proposal at its September 12 meeting at 1:30 p.m. at 200 East Main Street. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will also be televised live on Cable Channel 3, GTV, in Lexington and online at www.LexingtonKy.gov.

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES ALERT

Each year, more than \$1.2 billion in personal items and accessories are stolen from vehicles. We have seen an uptick in thefts from vehicles in the 9th district and across Lexington in recent weeks. Police have made some related arrests but you can help reduce the incidence of these “thefts of opportunity” and thus avoid the frustration and inconvenience of being the victim of this type of crime.

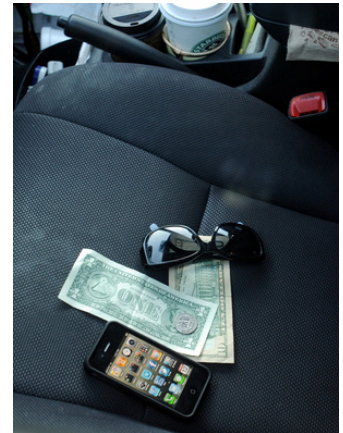
Lock your vehicles at all times and be sure your sunroof is never be left opened or cracked. Keep all of your valuables out of sight—this includes GPS devices, radar detectors, cell phones, etc. Take these items with you or store them in your trunk, and when possible, always park in well lit areas. This helps to discourage thieves from preying on your vehicle.

Also, do not leave vital information in your car. Your car registration and insurance card contains personal home information that could allow a criminal to target you at home or steal your identity. Carry this information in your purse or wallet instead.

If you car is not equipped with a factory car alarm, consider purchasing one.

If you do become a victim of theft, be sure to call the police immediately at 258-3600 to file a report and contact your insurance carrier.

Report stolen items to your homeowners or renters insurance. Auto insurance normally does not cover stolen items but your home or renters policy may cover this type of loss.



Never leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. Always lock your car. “Lock it or lose it!”

LEXINGTON SENIOR CENTER SPEAKERS SERIES

Each month, the Lexington Senior Center features a speaker discussing various topics of interest to the community. There is no charge to attend. Upcoming speakers/topics include:

September 10: John Bird, Insurance Specialist. “Medicare Supplemental Options.”

October 8: James Fawcett/David Jarvis, LFUCG Code Enforcement Issues. (How to avoid them and deal with them.)

November 12: Melissa Crump, Law Offices of Johnson, Crump, Walters, PLC. “Asset Protection and Estate Planning.”

December 10: Cary Plummer - Jubilee Jobs of Lexington.

The LSC also offers free help with learning to use your smart phone, Kindle, iPad or home computer. To take advantage, contact Shannon Gordon or Jennifer Newton at 278-6072 or sign-up at the front desk of the Senior Center at 1530 Nicholasville Road for a free tutorial.

Activities at the Lexington Senior Center are open to all Fayette County residents age 60 or over. New participants are always welcome.



MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Do you know of someone unable to cook or prepare meals for themselves?

“Meals On Wheels” may be the solution. They provide home-delivered meals services to people in need.

Meals are served at a reasonable cost and delivered to the homes of seniors whose mobility is limited.

The Meals On Wheels Association of America is the oldest and

largest national organization composed of and representing local, community-based Senior Nutrition Programs in all 50 U.S. states, as well as the U.S. Territories.

All told, there are some 5,000 local Senior Nutrition Programs in the United States. These programs provide well over one million meals to seniors who need them each day.

Enrollment is available by tele-

phone by calling 276-5391 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities may also be available.





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NEW CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY CLASS BEGINS AUGUST 27

The next Citizen Police Academy will be held August 27 to November 12. The purpose of the Citizen Police Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and police through education.

Instruction consists of one 3-hour class held each week for a duration of twelve weeks. This instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the Division of Police each week. Certified police officers, supervisors, and civilian instructors with particular expertise will conduct each topic. Classes are free and limited to 24 citizen attendees.

For more information and to download an application for the new class, click this [link](#).

An application may be mailed to you by calling (859) 258-3634 or picked up from:

Division of Police
Community Services Section
150 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

For more information, contact:
Officer Debbie Wagner
(859) 258-3634

[E-mail by clicking here](#)

FAX: (859) 425-2270



TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF NOTE

LexCall (City Hall)	311
Police (Non-emergency)	258-3600
Fire (Non-emergency)	231-5600
Animal Humane Society	225-9033
Senior Citizen Center	278-6072
Traffic Hotline	258-3830
Waste Collection	425-2255 or 311
Health Dept.	252-2371
Kentucky Utilities	255-0394
Ky. American Water	800-678-6301
Columbia Gas	800-432-9345
County Clerk	253-3344
Fayette County Sheriff	252-1771
Time Warner Cable	514-1400
Public Library	231-5500
Voter Registration	255-8683
United Way	211

OTHER NEWS OF NOTE...

New training program offered for women- and minority-owned businesses. Women and minority business owners can improve their management skills through a new six-week training program that covers all aspects of business management from strategic planning to financial accounting. The application deadline is September 11. The cost for the program is \$50. A brochure and application are available online at www.lexingtonky.gov/MWBE.

MPO Transportation Survey. Here's an opportunity to express your opinion on how our community should invest in transportation. The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is developing a plan to guide how transportation funds will be spent in our area over the next 25 years. How do you feel about our transportation system? What should be our community's priorities? The survey is being conducted by the MPO, the transportation planning agency for Fayette and Jessamine Counties (the focus area of the plan). The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete and I encourage you to weigh in with your opinion. Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LexAreaTransSurvey>

New LexTran Service for the 9th District. Starting Monday, August 26th, LexTran bus service will serve the Clays Mill and Keithshire area via Route 31, the Alexandria Crosstown. Route 31 meets connection points with several other Lextran routes including Nicholasville Rd., Versailles Rd., and South Broadway. For more information, visit <http://www.LexTran.com>

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